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SUBJECT: PRESS INQUIRIES ON AMBASSADOR BRUCE TDY

REF: HONG KONG 1596

1. POST HAS RECEIVED QUERIES ON AMBASSADOR BRUCE TDY, BUT DUE LACK USUALLY TIMELY INFORMATION ON WIRELESS FILE OR THROUGH OTHER OFFICIAL CHANNELS WE UNABLE TO RESPOND TO LEGITIMATE PRESS INQUIRIES FROM LOCAL NEWSMEN AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

2. NORMALLY THE FILE CARRIES SUMMARY OF STATE BRIEFINGS, WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL IN DAY-TO-DAY HANDLING OF PRESS HERE. UNFORTUNATELY, FEBRUARY 11 FILE AS RECEIVED HERE DID NOT CARRY MENTION OF TDY ASSIGNMENT; FEBRUARY 12 FILE CARRIED ASSIGNMENT STORY IN BOTH WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING SUMMARY AND NEWS ROUNDUP, 24 HOURS TOO LATE FOR OUR NEEDS. FYI, WE LEARNED OF ASSIGNMENT IN CALL FROM AN IMPORTANT AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT WHO QUOTED GEORGE VEST TO US AND ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

3. TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF POST KEPT INFORMED OF ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT ON THIS AND SIMILAR SUBJECTS. HONG KONG'S CHIN-WATCHING PRESS CORPS IMMEDIATELY LOOKS TO CONGEN FOR AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION ON NEWSWORTHY USLO ACTIVITIES.

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4. REFTTEL GIVES EXAMPLE OF HOW PRESS SPECULATION RUSHES

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